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<p>1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>6</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p>3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau</i>) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>sent to the International Bureau only</i>) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s)) _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).</p>																									
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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-18 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-9 as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/4-4/4 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-9</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
		Claims <u>1-9</u>	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-9</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
1.	Reference is made to the following documents:		
	D1: US 2002/137485 A1 (NILSSON JOHAN ET AL) 26 September 2002 (2002-09-26).		
	D2: US-A-5 933 768 (HOOK MIKAEL ET AL) 03 August 1999 (1999-08-03).		
2.	<p>The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1), since the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).</p> <p>Document D1 is regarded as the closest prior art in relation to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the references in parentheses relate to this document):</p> <p>A method for the digital transmission of data, wherein transmission occurs by modulating a carrier frequency and is disturbed by at least two different types of interferences (page 1, column 1, paragraph 4 to paragraph 8), comprising, on the</p>		

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	<p>receiver side, the following steps:</p> <p>a1) determining an estimation value for the strength of the received signal (page 2, column 2, paragraph 29);</p> <p>a2) determining an estimation value for the signal-to-interference ratio of the received signal (page 2, column 2, paragraph 28; claim 8);</p> <p>b) supplying at least the estimation values determined in steps a1) and a2) to a decision device which determines at least one dominant interference type by means of at least one predetermined decision criterion (page 2, column 2, last paragraph, to page 3, column 1, line 6; page 3, column 2, paragraph 41).</p> <p>2.1. The only difference between the prior art of document D1 and the subject matter of claim 1 is the following:</p> <p>a1) determining an estimation value for the power of the received signal.</p> <p>a2) determining an estimation value for the signal-to-noise-plus-interference ratio.</p> <p>However, it is generally known to a person skilled in the art that the features a1) and a2) are equivalent to the features a1) and a2) known from document D1 and can optionally be exchanged therewith.</p> <p>Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step.</p> <p>2.2 The same argument likewise applies to independent claim 8.</p>

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	<p>The subject matter of claim 8 therefore fails to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).</p> <p>3. Claims 2-7 and 9 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements regarding inventive step. The reasons are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The subject matter of claims 4 and 5 is also disclosed in document D1; see page 1, column 1, paragraph 5 to paragraph 8, and claim 10.- The features of claims 2 and 3 are only several obvious possibilities from which a person skilled in the art would choose in order to have an indicator of signal quality, without thereby being inventive (see D2, column 4, paragraph 4).- The subject matter of dependent claim 6 concerns a minor structural modification of the method as per claim 1, of the kind that a person skilled in the art routinely makes on the basis of familiar considerations (for the implementation of an antenna diversity system), especially since the resulting advantages are readily foreseeable. The subject matter of claim 6 thus also does not involve an inventive step.

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	<p>The same argument likewise applies to independent claim 7.</p> <p>- The feature of claim 9 is generally known to a person skilled in the art.</p>